3:30PM IMMEDIATE 4-5-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RE ALBANY TEL TO BIRMINGHAM AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

RECORDS OF INDICATE RIFLE IN QUESTION SOLD TO SALESMAN AT FURNISHED INVOICE THIS DATE INDICATING RIFLE, TOGETHER WITH A REDFIELD SCOPE WITH A WEAVER - TYPE MOUNT, SOLD TO ONE HARVEY LOWMEYER, NINETEEN NAUGHT SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ONE MARCH THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT. SALESMAN INDICATED THAT LOWMEYER ORIGINALLY PURCHASED A REMINGTON SEVEN ZERO ZERO MODEL RIFLE ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO EXCHANGE IT FOR A REMINGTON SEVEN SIXTY MODEL BEARING SERIAL NUMBER FOUR SIX ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX, TOGETHER WITH ONE

BOX OF THREE ZERO DECIMAL ZERO SIX AMMUNITION. PURCHASE PRICE WAS TWO FOUR EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIVE NINE CENTS, WHICH WAS PAID IN BILLS OF TWENTY DOLLAR DENOMINATIONS. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND CROSS INDEX INDICATE FICTITIOUS NAME AND ADDRESS USED. NO CRIMINAL OR CREDIT RECORD FOR LOWMEYER LOCATED BIRMINGHAM. DISCREET INQUIRY AT ADDRESS GIVEN INDICATES LOWMEYER UNKNOWN.

ORIGINAL INVOICE BEING HAND CARRIED TO BUREAU THIS DATE, TOGETHER WITH THE RIFLE WHICH WAS RETURNED BY THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE CARTON IN WHICH IT WAS CONTAINED, FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES.

ALL HOTELS, MOTELS, AIRLINES, AND RENTAL CAR AGENCIES IN THE AREA ARE BEING CHECKED FOR PERTINENT PERIOD. ALL LEADS RECEIVING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

RECEIVED: 5:55PM